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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

School Holiday. Children's Human Rights. Initiative Statute

SACRAMENTO, CA --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley announced today that the proponent of a new initiative may begin collecting petition signatures for his measure.

The Attorney General's official title and summary is as follows:

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. CHILDREN'S HUMAN RIGHTS. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

- Creates an annual school holiday dedicated to children.
- Requires school closure on holiday with appropriate recognition of student accomplishments.
- Requires the Governor to send a message that day to all children in the United States to encourage them to study or practice a sport.
- Codifies as California law the Convention on the Rights of the Child, an international treaty recognizing a variety of civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights of children.

The summary of the estimate by the Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of the fiscal impact on state and local governments indicates that this measure would have little or no fiscal impact on state and local governments.

The proponent, Miguel Angel Vega, must collect 373,816 signatures of registered voters, which is five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions is September 13, 2004. The initiative proponent can be reached at 909-889-3147.

For a copy of the complete text, title & summary, and circulation calendar, please contact the Secretary of State's Press Office at 916-653-6575.